

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 ELROY BROWNING,) 1:05-CV-00342-AWI-LJO-P
12 Plaintiff,)
13 v.) ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
14 JEANNE WOODFORD, et al.,) APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
15 Defendants.) (DOCUMENT #8)
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18 Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme Court
19 has ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983
20 cases. Mallard v. United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, 490 U.S. 296, 109 S.Ct.
21 1814 (1989).

22 In certain exceptional circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of
23 counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Without a reasonable method of securing and compensating
24 counsel, this court will seek volunteer counsel only in the most serious and exceptional cases.

25 In the present case, the court does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Even
26 if it is assumed that plaintiff is not well versed in the law and that he has made serious allegations which,
27 if proved, would entitle him to relief, his case is not exceptional. This court is faced with similar cases

1 almost daily. Therefore, plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel must be denied.

2 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the
3 appointment of counsel is denied.

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 **Dated:** May 4, 2005
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/s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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